STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1004 By: Gilbert

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A Concurrent Resolution establishing a committee to review the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act; stating duties of the committee; providing for membership; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for staff assistance; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, at least one in five children and adolescents may have a behavioral, emotional or mental health problem; and

WHEREAS, one in twenty children and adolescents may have a mental illness that severely disrupts his or her ability to interact effectively with others; and

WHEREAS, the availability of and access to quality mental health treatment are critical to the long-term well-being of these children and adolescents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT a committee be established for the purpose of reviewing the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act and making recommendations to the Legislature on necessary changes.

THAT the committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as cochair of the committee;

2. One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who shall serve as cochair of the committee;

3. One member who is a judge having juvenile docket responsibilities, appointed by the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court;

4. One member who is a district attorney having knowledge and experience in actions concerning children and adolescents who have a serious emotional disturbance, appointed by the District Attorneys Council;

5. One member who is a sheriff, appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

6. One member who is a chief of police, appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police;

7. Two members who are employed by community mental health centers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8. One member who is employed by a private mental health hospital, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

9. One member who is employed by a public mental health hospital, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10. Two members who are employees of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

11. One member who is an employee of the Department of Human Services, appointed by the Director of the Department;

12. One member who is an employee of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, appointed by the Director;

13. One member who is an employee of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, appointed by the Director;

14. Two members who are child advocates having current knowledge of the children's mental health care system, one each

appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

15. Two members who are parents of a child with a mental illness, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

THAT the committee shall hold an initial meeting no later than July 1, 2001.

THAT members of the committee shall make statutory recommendations available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than November 1, 2001.

THAT committee members employed by the state shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the committee by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Remaining committee members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the committee by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate shall provide staff assistance to the committee, as necessary, to assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

THAT the committee shall terminate February 4, 2002.

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court, the District Attorneys Council, the Director of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association, the Director of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Director of the Department of Human

Services, the Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, and the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

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